

TEXAS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OHIO,

REMONSTRATING

*Against the annexation of Texas to the United States.*

JANUARY 22, 1845.

Read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Whereas it is believed that the President of the United States, with a majority of his cabinet and confidential advisers, many members of both branches of the Congress of the United States, the President and Vice President elect, the government of the republic of Texas, the holders of many millions of Texan stocks, and the owners of many millions of acres of Texan lands, and a large proportion of the dealers in slaves in the United States and Texas, together with those citizens of the United States who desire the extension and perpetuation of slavery, are in favor of the immediate annexation of Texas to the United States of America, and are exerting their influence to effect that object: and whereas the constitution of the United States has made no provision for incorporating foreign nations into our Union: and whereas Texas is engaged in a war with Mexico, is largely indebted, and offers no adequate indemnity for our assumption to pay it: and whereas the great social, political, and moral evil of slavery is restored in Texas by her constitution, and is tolerated and legalized there, with no power in the government to abolish it: therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That we do solemnly and earnestly protest against any proceeding of the government of the United States, or any branch or department thereof, having for its object the annexation of Texas to the United States: because, 1st, such proceedings would be unconstitutional; 2d, because it would involve our country in a war with Mexico without just cause; 3d, because it would make our country liable for the debts of Texas, without any sufficient indemnity; 4th, because it would involve us in the guilt, and subject our country to the reproach, of cherishing, sustaining, and perpetuating the evils of slavery; 5th, because a union between the United States and Texas, with the guarantee or understanding that the whole, or any part of the territory of Texas, shall be formed into a State or States where slavery shall be permitted to exist, and where slaves shall be counted in determining the relative weight of such States in the councils of the Federal

Union, would still further extend the undue advantage which the citizens of the slave-holding States have over those of the States in which slavery is not permitted.

*Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to conform to the foregoing resolution, and to use their utmost endeavors to prevent the annexation of Texas to the United States.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Governor be requested to transmit to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Governors of the several States of this Union, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

JOHN M. GALLAGHER,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

DAVID CHAMBERS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

JANUARY 17, 1845.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, OHIO,

*Columbus, January 18, 1845.*

SIR: I have the honor, herewith, to transmit to you a copy of a joint resolution, passed by the legislature of this State.

Respectfully, yours,

M. BARTLEY.

HON. DANIEL R. TILDEN.